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To Whom It May Concern:

My lot is one of a dozen out of the hundreds in Hillcrest, which has an unencumbered view of the lake. Therefore, I have the least to gain with the underground utilities. My view is spectacular because there are no poles blocking my view. I could have bought lots for a third the cost of my lot in the rest of the neighborhood when I bought my lot, but these lots are saddled with a forest of ugly poles and a web of poorly routed black wires that block the views. The lots are all on a grade so those further up see nothing but rows of pole after pole and wire after wire. It is obvious that removing the poles will raise property values for all the lots, including lots which may not have a great view because of their location, because the comps for all properties will be affected.

I too am growing older, so I can relate to those on fixed incomes who are fearful. But! I think the community and the association has gone out of the way to make arrangements to take care of the few who say they may not be able to pay their costs for the service connection to their property. I truly hope that those opposing this for financial reasons aren't second home owners or those with expensive boats as those who live their full time have suggested. I think the good of the greater number has to prevail over the needs of a few, otherwise progress is stagnant. I don't like the thought of another tree having to be sacrificed to make a telephone pole when all the wires should have been buried in the ground back in the 70's. This argument over the underground utilities reminds me of the people who fight the cost of sanitary sewers knowing that their water is being contaminated or could be contaminated. Overhead utilities predisposed us to problems such as fire, lightening hits and transformer explosions and poles occasionally fall down. This is a one time chance for a small community to make a change which will beautify the entire neighborhood at a very affordable deferred cost.

Sincerely,

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